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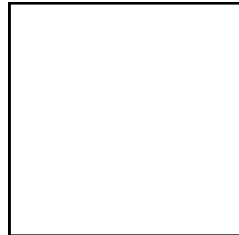


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Two Marine Corporals, 1st Mar.Div Band, were photographed giving the "Internationally Famous Bodfish handshake" in front of the Anaheim Marriott Hotel during this years FMDA National Reunion. - Bodfish Forever!



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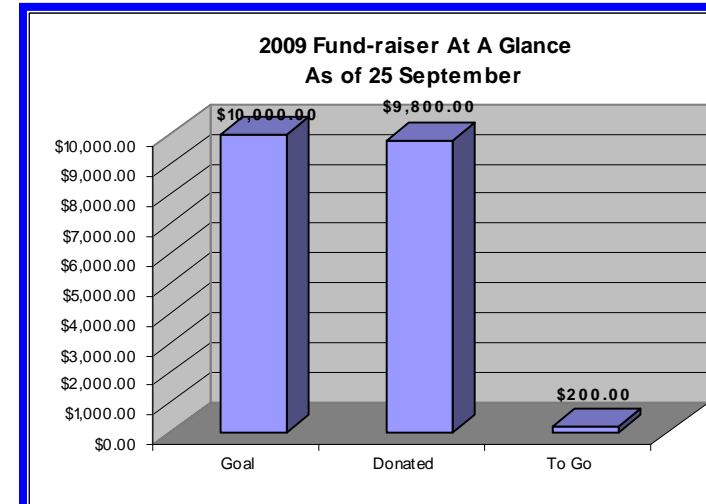


Chapter Mourns The Passing Of Sgt. Robert J. Barone, USMC

April 11, 1947 - September 7, 2009

Bob was a Life Member of the Chapter and served with M Co. 3d Battalion 5th Marines in Vietnam. Bob passed away suddenly on 7 September in Azusa, CA . Bob was 62. Funeral information was not available at the time of this newsletter. Bob loved the Chapter annual Del Mar Campout and had planned to attend this year with the entire family. The Barone family did attend making it a family gathering and memorial in Bob's honor. Following morning colors on Saturday Bob was honored with a moment of silence. His family was then recognized and given a warn Chapter tribute from his fellow Marines Corpsman and family members. The Chapter extends it's deepest sympathy to his wife of 38 years, Joan, and the entire Barone family.

Semper Fi Bob..Until we meet again.



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GRUNT CLUB MEMBERS

The following members are major contributors
to the Annual LA Chapter Fundraiser.

Grunt Club status is achieved with a minimum
donation of \$100.00

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1 Oct 2009 to 30 Sept 2010**

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<i>In memory of</i>	Charles "Eddie" Turner
Richard Lander	*Dale Turner
(22)	*Myrl Wallace
	*Tom & Diane Whetzel
	*Al Wright
	(22)

This past year several of our Grunt Club members have joined our fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen at Heaven's Gate. Their dedication and generosity to the Chapter will be forever remembered.

Loved ones may honor their Marine or FMF Corpsman with an "In Memory Of" annual donation of \$100.00 or \$200

Call Dale Turner for more on how you can become a member of the Grunt Club. (661-253-1981)

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**Bold Plus* Denotes Super Grunt Status
\$200.00+ donation**

**44 Honored Grunt Club Members for
2009/2010**

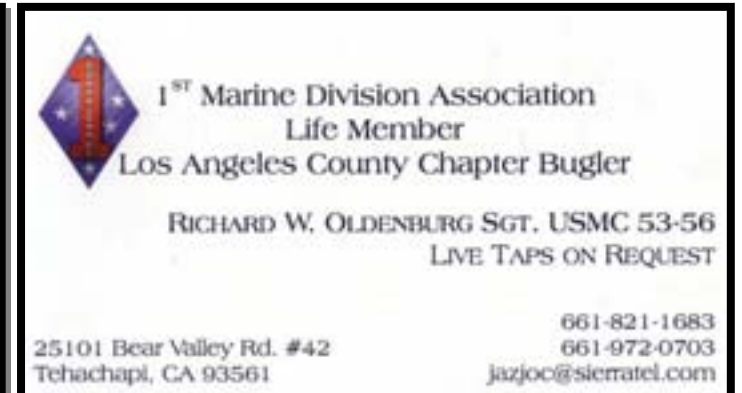


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- Name of Funeral Home and Phone Number
- Name Of Deceased Marine
- Date Of Funeral

A Burial Detail will not be provided unless the above is complied with.



Dale Turner, Editor

Editors Corner 2009 LA /Bodfish Hospitality Room Del Mar Beach, Camp Pendleton

Over 500 pictures were taken at the Reunion and the Delmar Campout. Here are just a few. I'll put more in the November issue.

Until next month, I bid you Happy Trails, Semper Fidelis and Bodfish Forever.

Dale dalefmda@earthlink.net 661-253-1981



Bodfish "IAS" President Squidley shows off his bone to the new candidates. BFPP/ Chaplain, Bob Bobst makes ready "The Creature" while BFPP Bill Maker makes ready for the initiation. Let the initiation begin. A total of 13 were initiated into the Bodfish at Camp Del Mar. That makes 55 new members since Anaheim. Our recruitment total for 2009 is now at 71. We are fastest growing Chapter in the Association.



SgtMaj Lara could not keep his eyes off of Squidley's bone. He was heard to say "Nice Bone..I'm impressed. How do I get one of those?" LA Chapter Life Members Charlie Meter and Al Lansdale took the opportunity to take the Bodfish initiation oath. Charlie is standing uncovered next to the Marine in the LA shirt. Al Lansdale is the tallest Marine.

The arrow pointing to the Marine in the blue shirt and blue and red checkered shorts has all the makings of becoming a future Bodfish President. His name is **Cpl Peter Bone**. He is as serious as they come. Squidley was impressed with his dress style and of course his name. Should he ever become a Bodfish President I would modify his name to **Peter De Bone**



Bill Maker presented a ships clock on behalf of the Bodfish/LA Chapters to Command Master Chief Mick Ruiz, 1st Marine Division for his dedication to our Chapters and the Bodfish Devil Doc Award. It was CMC Mick who first named the Devil Doc Award. Mick is a Life Member of the LA and Bodfish Chapters.



Special thanks to 3d Amphibious Assault Battalion, 1st Marine Division for displaying one of their AMTRACK and Crew. Everyone enjoyed climbing in and on the tank especially the children (young and old). As they say in tracks, YAT - YAS (You an't Tracks ,You an't Shit)

Bodfish Hospitality Room FMDA Reunion, Anaheim, CA Aug 23 - 30 2009

Bodfish initiations began on Tuesday night and concluded on Saturday night



Tuesday night four Marines were initiated into the Bodfish. Chaplain Bob Bobst Blessed them and introduced them to "The Creature".



Wednesday night eight more joined our ranks. One Marine became so overwhelmed with the initiation that he needed a chair. I think he partook far too much of "The Creature"



Thursday night 14 members were initiated. Many from the 1st Mar Div Band. A jam session followed and we marched down the hall to "When the Saints Come Marching In" We partied till 0100 (1AM)



Friday night was a dream come to. Ten Marines and Corpsman from the Recon Association and 1/5 Vietnam Veteran Chapter along with LA Chapter Life Member Tex Stietler raised their hand and became Bodfishers. We have been Jerry Regan and the rest of the 1/5 Vietnam Marines to join for years.



Tex Stiteler is also a member of the San Antonio Chapter and is chairing the reunion committee for San Antonio in 2010. He has put Bodfish Chapter at the top of his list and **we will** have a **Hospitality Room in San Antonio**. George Homer Bodfish's cousin Mokolumne Milt will be attending. **42 New Bodfish Members in Anaheim**

Bodfish Chaplain Bob Bobst took time to listen to some confessions. Women Marine Edna Rea was grateful.



Division Sgt Maj, Band Cpl's and Marines of old take the Bodfish oath. Bodfish Past President Dale Turner & Gen Mills demonstrate the Bodfish handshake.

1st Marine Division Sergeant Major Mike Barrett really got with the Bodfish program taking a seat, with libation in hand, in the "Pennybaker Box of Honor"



2009 Calendar of Events

November

Marine Corps Birthday
Tuesday, November 10th
American Legion Post 507, Newhall, CA
1730 - 2100
Price: Small Donation

December

31st Annual Chapter Christmas Party
Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Bl, Encino, CA
Saturday, December 12, 2009
Time: 1100 - 1500
Cost : \$30.00 per person
Tables for 8 may be purchased for \$240.00

Those members who purchase a table will be entered into a drawing. The winner of the drawing will receive a table for eight at the 2010 Christmas Party Luncheon.

The LA Chapter Christmas Party Luncheon is a very enjoyable event. The Chapter works hard to keep the cost at an affordable price while at the same time insuring that the members receive a quality meal.

Please considering joining us this year and please feel free to invite family members, friends and neighbors.

JANUARY 2010

LA Chapter General Meeting
Odyssey Restaurant, Granada Hills, CA
Saturday, January 9, 2010 1030 AM
\$35.00 per person
Price includes tax tip and valet parking

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2010 1st Marine Division Anniversary

It has not been decided if the week of the Anniversary celebration will be 25 -30 January 2010 or 1-6 February 2010

Bodfish Campout 2010

Location - Date - Time TBD

BODFISH SKINNY

.....or just plain BS

This months article by Bodfish Past President and Chapter Rep. Dale Turner



Front Side of Coin

**Bodfish Chapter
"Life Member" Coin
\$20.00**

Proceeds from the sale of the coin are used to purchase the Bodfish "Sword of Honor" NCO Sword and to order new coins.



Back Side of Coin

Designed by Dale Turner and minted by Northwest Territorial Mint, USA

The new Bodfish Life Member coin was a big hit at the FMDA Reunion in Anaheim as well as at the Del Mar Campout.

The initial sales have recouped the initial investment and has nearly secured the funds for next years Bodfish Sword of Honor.

Bodfish Sword of Honor & Devil Doc Award

This years Bodfish Sword of Honor and Devil Doc Award went to Sgt. Darrell Fredin and HM2 Othes Williams . Both Sgt Fredin and HM2 Williams are members of 3d Amtrack Battalion.

The NCO Sword Display was donated by Bodfish Member Don Whitton "Sgt Grit".



Bodfish Past President Bill Maker made the Bodfish Sword of Honor presentation to Sgt Fredin

Bodfish Past President and WWII FMF Corpsman Bob Bobst presented the Devil Doc Award To HM2 Williams

Both Sgt Fredin and HM2 Williams were initiated into the Bodfish later that night Their wives became Bodfish Bevy's

See more Bodfish on Page 6

To order Your Bodfish Life Member Coin
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Please add \$5.00 for shipping.

A Message From Our Chapter President, Tom Whetzel (twhetzel@socal.rr.com) 661-251-7564

Semper Fi Marines and FMF Corpsman

I hope all of our members had a great time at the Anaheim reunion, and we want to say congratulations to the new National President Mike Carone, the new Vice President Denny Weisgerber and our Deputy Vice President West, Ed Brundage.

The directors and members meeting went well, with a few changes that were made, some good, some not so good. I also want to thank the Orange County Chapter for putting on a great reunion, and to Col. Len Hayes and his hard working staff for making everything run smoothly.

The outcome of the Directors and General membership meeting will be covered in the Old Breed News. I will hold all comments until everyone has had a chance to read the OBN.

On September 4, my wife Diane and I had the honor of attending the Memorial Service for Sgt. Adam Bosley. Sgt. Bosley had three combat tours with the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines that included the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Operation Iraq Freedom. He was the section leader for the combined anti-armor team. The Honor and praise given for this young man by his Commanding Officers, and men was overwhelming. He was a great loss for the Marine Corps, our Country, his family, and his friends.

On September 11, we had our 24th annual L.A. Co Chapter campout at Del-Mar. It was great, and everyone had a good time, and the weather was perfect.

Tom Kelly was the subject of this year's "Chapter Roast". Plenty of stories were told and a list of Irish jokes were read. Tom finally got a letter of apology from Headquarters Marine Corps for being treated lower than whale shit in at the Washington DC reunion in 2004. He took all the jesting in stride. He was presented with a small token of Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey (2 oz travel bottle) for what little appreciation he deserves. Below are a couple of photos from the roast. Special thanks to Max Felser for taking and providing all the pictures.

I want to thank Squidley for setting up our hospitably room for us. As the Bodfish Chapter President, he knows how to do right.

Everyone that I spoke with at our Saturday night buffet said it was great, and the food was good. I hope we can have it there again next year.

Please, don't forget, Day at the races, coming up on the 15th of October.

Until next month,

"Saepius Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Frater Infinitas"

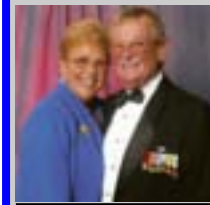
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United States Marines

Tom Whetzel



Support the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division



Molly and Tom Kelly

What a busy month it has been for our support of the 1/4!! On 28 Aug, Molly and I traveled from the 1st Marine Division Assoc. reunion in Anaheim to Del Mar Beach to participate in the Battalion Family Day. What a fun day!

We were able to meet and interact with quite a few of the active duty Marines and Sailors and their families. They are all very appreciative of our efforts. We talked with Gunny Sgt Van Daele of Bravo Co. as he was feeding his infant daughter. He and his family (all 5 children) thanked us for the diapers and the baby blankets and for all the support that we have given them.

We also got a chance to talk with the single Marines. What an outstanding group of men. We caught up with Cpl Ryan Cooper of Charlie Co. who was our guest for Thanksgiving dinner in 2006. He has re-enlisted and will be transferring to the School of Infantry. It was good to see him again and we wished the best in his new assignment.

The following Friday, 4 Sept., Chapter President Tom Whetzel and First Lady Diane Whetzel, Molly and I went to Camp Pendleton to represent the chapter at the Memorial Service of Sgt. Adam Bosley. Sgt. Bosley was killed in a motorcycle accident the previous week. He was the section leader of the Combined Anti-Armor Team and had served 3 combat tours with the 1/4.

The following Friday, 11 Sept., we again traveled to Camp Pendleton for the Chapter Campout. This was our final Diaper/Baby wipe drive of the year. What a great response! Not only were we able to provide the families of the battalion at least 10 large boxes of diapers and 7 large boxes of wipes but we also had 200+ baby blankets. A BIG THANKS goes to Rose Cesaroni, Joanne Greene, Diane Whetzel and their crocheting groups – Happy Hookers, Blanket Brigade, Knotty Knitter & Crazy Crocheters – who made at least 175 blankets. A BIG THANKS also goes to Sharron Wallace and Carol Ratcliff for their handmade blankets. A BIG THANKS also to the Marine Corps League – Coastal Valleys Detachment for their diapers, wipes and blankets. We also had some toys and clothes that were donated. We are able to totally fill Sabrina King's, 1/4 FRO, Suburban. THANKS EVERYONE!!!



Who Let The Dogs Out !

On Wed., 16 Sept., Molly and I picked up 240 "Pound Puppies" for the children of the 1/4. Chapter member Col. Joe Smith, who is the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs for LA County had received a donation of the stuffed animals for distribution to the children of Marines and other Services. The toys were donated by Mr. Les Frieland who is the son of a Korean War Marine who served with the 1st Marine Division. Thank you Mr. Frieland and Col. Smith for your generosity and support of our efforts with the 1/4. Have you ever tried to put 240 "Pound Puppies" in 1 SUV? Needless to say it was quite an art since there was barely room for the driver and passenger



The chapter is invited to attend the 1/4 Birthday Ball, which will be held on Sunday, 8 November, at the Pechanga Resort in Temecula. Tickets for the event are \$75 per person. A discounted lodging rate is currently being negotiated. This is an opportunity to not only celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday on a formal note but to also give the Chapter members an opportunity to interact with the active duty Marines and Sailors of the Battalion. Please contact me if you are interested in attending. Molly and I are planning on attending.

The rest of our scheduled activities to date are:

- Nov 8 – 1/4 Birthday Ball @ Pechanga Resort
- Nov/Dec – Holiday Commissary Gift Certificates
- Ongoing – Manufacturer Coupons & Baby Blankets

When you do good things, good things follow. We are blessed to have so many who want to help us with our mission of supporting the families of 1/4. Thank you for all your support in keeping with the spirit of the Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

Tom Kelly
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Tom Kelly's Roast
September 12, 2009



Tell us Tom..
What were you really thinking?

Dale Turner reads letter to Tom from HQMC. Bill Turner tells how Tom & Molly met, under a table. John Arthur explains to all and reminds Tom of the time lost complete respect for "The Creature". That was the night, three years ago, when the Creature bit Tom real bad. Below: Members had a great time and enjoyed a fantastic buffet.

